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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PP
SUBJECT: GPNG ARMS AND AMMUNITION PURCHASES

REF: 77 PORT MORESBY 924

1. PNG DEFENCE FORCE HAS AGAIN ISSUED A TENDER FOR
TRAINING AMMUNITION NECESSARY FOR ITS ROLE IN MAINTAINING
INTERNAL STABILITY AND POLICING ITS BORDERS. IN GENERAL,
THIS AMMUNITION IS TO BE USED IN U.S.-MADE EQUIPMENT
TRANSFERRED TO GPNG AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE. REF. A
REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY BE SENT A MUNITIONS LIST
SO THAT WE COULD IDENTIFY WHAT ITEMS COULD BE PURCHASED
COMMERCIALY BY GPNG. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT ALLOW RE-SUPPLY OF ITEMS IDENTICAL TO THOSE
TRANSFERRED AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE. IF SUCH
PERMISSION IS NOT GRANTED, PNG WOULD BE FORCED TO TOTALLY
RE-EQUIP ITS ARMED FORCES, AN ACT THAT WILL PUT A SEVERE
STRAIN ON A COUNTRY THAT IS ATTEMPTING TO SPEND MOST OF
ITS RESOURCES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. REFUSAL WOULD
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ALSO LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE GPNG'S DEFENCE
POLICIES IN THE FUTURE.

2. QUESTION OF GETTING US AMMO AND PARTS CAME UP IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH CODEL WOLFF ON JAN 9. CODEL MEMBERS
INDICATED THEY WOULD SUPPORT SALE OF SMALL DEFENSE ITEMS
TO PNG. DEPARTMENT MAY RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY TO REFTTEL A
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF THE
LATEST TENDER DOCUMENTS.
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